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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour of transmitting to the General Assembly the *United Nations Secretariat Consolidated Report 2006*,*** in accordance with section V of General Assembly resolution 60/283. In that resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of 6 June 2006 (A/60/870) and noted the intention of the Secretary-General to prepare a report aimed at enhancing the transparency of the Organization and the accountability of the Secretariat to Member States.

The General Assembly emphasized that the report should be developed in the context of paragraphs 68 and 69 of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/60/870), bearing in mind that all reporting pertaining to administrative and budgetary matters are subject to the consideration of the Fifth Committee as the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for those matters. In addition, the Assembly noted that the report would contain both financial and programme information, and that it would be complementary in nature and would not replace the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization required under Article 98 of the Charter of the United Nations, nor would it replace reports that are subject to the consideration of the Fifth Committee.

The *Consolidated Report 2006* contains financial and programme information as requested.[1] For the purposes of greater scrutiny by the General Assembly and

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*** The *Consolidated Report 2006* may be consulted in electronic form by clicking on the live link in the electronic version of the present note.

[1] The *Consolidated Report 2006* is the second *Consolidated Report* of the Secretariat; the *Consolidated Report 2005* was published in English only and was not reviewed by the General Assembly; the *Consolidated Report 2006* is published in the six official languages of the United Nations for the consideration of the General Assembly, both in hard-copy form and in electronic form.

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enhanced transparency, the *Consolidated Report 2006* further provides an overview of the Secretariat's main accomplishments and challenges in 2006 and an analysis of the Organization's performance. It focuses on results and progress and, together with a detailed account of the corresponding expenditures and staffing, illustrates the value provided by the Organization against given priorities. The Secretary-General has eliminated appendices from the *Consolidated Report 2006*.

Should the General Assembly consider the *Consolidated Report 2006* and the information presented therein to be valuable, it may wish to request the Secretary-General to produce the *Consolidated Report* on an annual basis.